

## Conference Notes.

### REPORT OF CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the Brethren churches of the state of California assembled at 10 o'clock. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. J. P. Wolfe. A committee on organization was appointed, which reported as follows:—H. R. Holsinger, president; J. P. Wolfe, vice president; A. T. Plummer, secretary; B. G. Frederick, assistant secretary; J. H. Garman, treasurer.

Elder Holsinger then took the chair and assumed his duties as moderator.

The committee on credentials reported the following roll of churches and delegates:—Vernalis,—Richard Brown, Victor Gilliam, Mrs. J. W. Beer. Altamont,—Elder J. W. Beer, C. E. Doty. Lathrop,—J. P. Wolfe, Mrs. E. Reyner and H. E. Wolfe. Turlock,—D. W. Rouk, John Rouk and Columbus Rouk. Rosena,—H. R. Holsinger.

On motion the chair appointed as a committee on committees, B. G. Frederick, Edward Reynolds, and Mrs. J. W. Beer. It was instructed to appoint the following committees:—Committee on resolutions, on program and on queries. It reported the following committees:—Committee on program 1896—J. P. Wolfe, H. E. Wolfe, Anna Reynolds. Committee on resolutions,—J. W. Beer, J. P. Wolfe, Mrs. H. E. Wolfe. Committee on queries,—J. W. Rouk, Mrs. Emma Reyner and A. T. Plummer.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, APRIL 4, 1895.

At 1:30 the Conference opened with devotional exercises. The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved. The reports of the officers of the Brethren Conference of California, and of the state evangelism were read and accepted.

The State Evangelist, elder J. H. Garman, read a very satisfactory report which was accepted and placed on file.

Then followed the discussion of the topic, "Revival Meetings," assigned to P. S. Garman. It was discussed by him and others. After this came the general discussion of the subject, Lay Co-operation.

Mrs. J. W. Beer then read an interesting paper on "King's Children," also one on The Sister's Society of Christ's Endeavor. Interesting remarks were made on these subjects by Elders Beer and Holsinger.

Mrs. Emma Reyner, Columbus Rouk, Edward Reynold, Milo Wolfe, and J. H. Gardner were elected members of State Board of Evangelism. They organized as follows:—C. Rouk, president; J. H.

Gardner, secretary; Milo Wolfe, treasurer.

The queries, "Should the State Evangelist work under the instruction of the State Board of Evangelism or of the Church," assigned to J. P. Wolfe, was discussed by him. And it was decided that he should work under the instructions of the former.

Query,—“What does it take to constitute the Officers of the Brethren church,” was discussed by H. R. Holsinger.

#### FORENOON SESSION, APRIL 5, 1895.

The Conference was called to order at 10:30, and the opening devotional exercises conducted by moderator, H. R. Holsinger.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

J. W. Beer, C. H. Christenson, H. E. Wolfe, Edward Reynolds, and H. R. Holsinger were elected trustees of the Brethren church of California. They organized as follows: President, J. W. Beer; secretary, H. R. Holsinger; treasurer, Edward Reynolds.

The subject, "Erring Members," was fully discussed by Elders Beer and Garman.

"What Constitutes True Success," a paper written by Thomas Gibson, was read and ordered to be sent to the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for publication.

The Topic, "How Literature helps the Church," was discussed by elder H. R. Holsinger. Further remarks were made by others. An essay on Sabbath-school work was then read by B. Frederick.

The camp meeting committee appointed at last camp meeting was acknowledged by the Conference organized:—President, J. P. Wolfe; secretary, B. Frederick; Treasurer, Edward Reynolds. A motion was made and carried that future camp meeting committees make a written report to future conferences.

On motion, it was decided to hold the next camp meeting at Cook's grove, near Ripon. Then followed a general discussion of the subject, "Ministerial Certificates," after which the conference adjourned till 1:30 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, APRIL 5, 1895.

The session was opened with devotional exercises by moderator, H. R. Holsinger.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The query, "Is it Essential for our Local Churches to have Established Boundaries." At the close of which it was moved and carried that the boundaries of Brethren churches in California be fixed. D. W. Ronk, Milo Wolfe, and Victor Gilliam were appointed as a committee to determine the boundaries

The conference then adopted the "pledge system" to raise mission funds.

Elder H. R. Holsinger was elected a delegate to the next National Conference of the Brethren church and elder P. S. Garman alternate delegate

Moved and carried that the next conference be held at Turlock, to begin on the first Thursday in April, '96, at 3 P. M.

Moved and carried that each local church be given the privilege of caring for their poor in the way which they deem best.

J. W. Beer, J. P. Wolfe and Mrs. H. E. Wolfe committee on resolutions, submitted the following resolutions, which were read and approved.

*Resolved*, That we are grateful to God for his protection, care and guidance, and for all the innumerable mercies of the past and present, and for our blissful hopes of the future.

*Resolved*, That we will endeavor to make greater efforts to sustain and advance the work of Evangelism.

*Resolved*, That we are thankful to God for his mercy and goodness, and as his children, we will continue to manifest our interest in the S. S. of C. E., of the Brethren church and the society of King's Children, and every effort in harmony with the Gospel of Christ for the salvation of souls, the care of God's children, and the advancement of the cause of Christ, and the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

*Resolved*, That we continue to use and encourage every proper means for the abolition and use of all intoxicating liquors, except for medical and mechanical purposes, and that we encourage every consistent temperance movement and work.

*Resolved*, That we still favor the appointment of one in each congregation to solicit funds for general mission work.

*Resolved*, That we thank our worthy officers for the able and impartial manner in which they have discharged their duties.

*Resolved*, That we return a vote of thanks to the brethren and sisters of the Lathrop church for the hospitable manner in which the delegates of the State Conference have been entertained.

*Resolved*, That a condensed report of the proceedings of the State Conference be sent to the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for publication.

The minutes of the session were next read and adopted. The conference then adjourned, and was closed with song and prayer. Fraternal submitted,

A. T. PLUMMER, Secretary.

If we make religion our business, God will make it our blessedness.